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adapter for receiving said projections, respectively, in response to relative rotation of said plunger and said adapter.

17 29. A syringe according to Claim *16* ~~28~~ wherein said plunger includes rupturable structure intermediate said first and second ends thereof for detachably connecting said first and second ends relative to one another whereby said second end can be detached from said first end when said adapter and needle are withdrawn into the interior of the barrel, including an alignment surface carried by said plunger and cooperable with another alignment surface of said syringe to orient said plunger relative to said adapter so that said drive surfaces carried by the plunger lie in circumferential registration with the drive surfaces of said adapter when said plunger is moved into its axially distal-most engaged position relative to said adapter.

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